

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE

LEADWOOD

Robbery and Murder near Frankclay

Last Saturday evening about 7 o'clock while Thomas Birchall and his father, who run a peddler's wagon, were going to their home near Frankclay from Leadwood, where they had been all that day, two highwaymen sprang from the brush with drawn guns and demanded that they give up their money. Instead of doing so, young Birchall opened fire on them with a pistol. The highwaymen returned the fire. Birchall shot five times at them before he was shot in the temple, which killed him instantly. The highwaymen thinking that he was reloading his gun, ran back to the brush and the father drove on at high speed until he got to J. W. Forshee's store, which was about a half mile further on. When he got there he found that his son had been killed. Two suspects have been arrested and are in the county jail at Farmington. Young Birchall leaves a wife and three small children. He had worked in the mines here and was liked by all who knew him. He also saw service overseas as a marine in the World War.

Mrs. H. W. Martin visited friends at Charleston last week.

Miss Mabel Belknap visited relatives in St. Louis last week.

Miss Cora Gilliam has accepted a position at the local telephone office.

Evan Bable transacted business at Desloge Wednesday afternoon of last week.

Mrs. Wm. Towl is visiting friends in St. Louis this week.

Wm. McClard was visiting relatives at Minum Saturday and Sunday.

C. E. Doss spent the week-end with relatives at Platin.

Miss Lillian Chandler spent Saturday night and Sunday with relatives at Bonne Terre.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Rea and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Van Lear spent Sunday afternoon with Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Ham and family at Bismarck.

R. H. Ramsey and family spent Sunday with friends at Irondale.

J. A. Robinson, of Irondale, visited friends here Sunday afternoon.

T. M. Jackson and family visited their daughter, Mrs. M. G. Mason, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Joseph Griffin, of Commerce, Okla., is visiting relatives this week.

Leslie Bearden, who went to St. Louis a few days ago to hunt work, came back the latter part of last week.

Geo. Boatwright and family, of Flat River, visited Mrs. Boatwright's parents, J. L. Wilson and wife, Sunday.

Rev. J. N. Sifton, of Irondale, was here a short while Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. J. C. Crossman fell and hurt himself one day last week. She is getting along as well as could be expected.

M. M. Clark, who left here a few months ago to make his fortune in the South, was here last week. He is working for the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. He is now located at Bismarck.

Rev. E. D. Owen, of Elvins, is assisting Rev. Crossman here in a revival meeting at the Baptist church. Bro. Owen is preaching some very interesting sermons, and any one that is staying away from these meetings is missing a treat. There have been several conversions and the church is being much revived.

Mrs. V. G. Arenz went last week to Pitcher, Okla., to spend the winter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Cunningham.

J. P. Poston killed three hogs last

week that averaged about 300 pounds each. He reports that he got 150 pounds of lard from the three hogs.

Dr. D. H. McKenzie was at Farmington last Friday to witness the football game between Farmington and Sikeston. The Doctor says that he likes basket ball much better than football.

The high school boys' basketball team went to Potosi last Friday night and defeated the boys there by the score of 25 to 10. The last half of the game two of our substitutes played, which kept the score down.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Francis were passengers to St. Louis Monday afternoon. They went to visit their son, Ezra, Jr., and to do some Christmas shopping. Ezra says he is going to try and find Santa Claus if he is in the city.

Warren Hoffron returned from St. Louis last week, where he had been looking for work. He says that jobs are very scarce in the city now.

F. M. Janis and son and his brother, G. C. Janis, who went to Omaha, Neb., about two years ago, came back last week. They drove through in a Ford. Fred says that times are very bad there just now. He is one of Leadwood's first settlers, having been raised on a farm where the town of Leadwood is built. His father's house, where he raised his family, stood about 50 yards from the depot here.

At the regular meeting of Leadwood Lodge No. 598, A. F. & A. M., last Saturday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: A. B. Deremiah, W. M.; R. H. Ramsey, S. W.; Bert A. Stapp, J. W.; H. L. Stapp, Treasurer; J. F. Poston, Secretary.

The Missouri Women's Constitution Committee, composed of the Women's organizations of Missouri, have endorsed Mrs. Nellie G. Boarger, of Springfield, State President of the Missouri W. C. T. U., as delegate-at-large to the Constitutional Convention. Mrs. Boarger has been engaged in public, civic and legislative work in Missouri and in the entire Nation for many years and is well qualified to serve in this capacity. Petitions for Mrs. Boarger are being circulated in the state now.

At the regular meeting of Margaret Chapter No. 346 O. E. S., last Thursday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. Ollie Evans, W. M.; Mrs. J. F. Poston, W. P.; Mrs. Marie Deremiah, A. M.; Mrs. Esther Edmonds, Associate Conductress; Mrs. Kate Karsch, Secretary; Mrs. Mollie Williams, Treasurer.

J. A. Evans and family and B. F. Towl and family visited friends at Bonne Terre Sunday afternoon.

The citizens here met at the high school auditorium Monday night and organized a Provident Association, by electing the following officers: Rev. J. C. Reid, President; Rev. A. Grissman, Vice President; Prof. J. W. Reaves, Secretary; B. F. Towl, Treasurer. There were several committees appointed to carry on the work of the organization.

The high school has organized a Student Council to take care of the building. Meetings will be held semi-monthly.

Edward Vance Cook, the American poet, appeared before a large audience of our people. His writings were very much appreciated.

The students of the high school enjoyed a weiner roast at the swinging bridge on Eaton branch last Monday

night. They were chaperoned by the faculty of both the high and grade schools. A fine time was reported by all who were there.

BONNE TERRE

Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Counts spent Sunday in French Village with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Hall spent Sunday near French Village with Mr. and Mrs. N. Aubuchon and family.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Counts, of French Village, spent Saturday here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Lawrence and daughter, of Flat River, spent Sunday here with friends.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Willard Aubuchon, Dec. 12th, a son.

Mrs. C. W. Dace, of Festus, spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. J. J. Govro, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry House spent Saturday in DeSoto with relatives.

Miss Beatrice David, of French Village, spent Thursday and Saturday in Bonne Terre.

Peter Murphy, of Big River, spent Saturday here on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Buhrmaster, of Flat River, spent Saturday and Sunday here with the latter's mother, Mrs. Jessie Livingston.

Wm. Washer spent Saturday in Farmington on business.

The people of this city were shocked to hear of the death of Elmer Wilkerson, who died last Friday morning at the Bonne Terre hospital. Besides other relatives, he leaves six children.

Marsh Chandler is ill and is receiving treatment in a St. Louis hospital.

Mrs. H. L. Calvird entertained the members of the Sewing Club Thursday afternoon. Dainty refreshments were served and all had a most pleasant time.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Davis, of Flat River, spent Sunday with Mrs. Jack Hoskings, who is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Bourne, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Peterson and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Thomas left Wednesday of this week for Sparta, Ill. These good people have lived here for quite a while, and they will be greatly missed by their host of friends.

Miss Irene Antoine, of Farmington, was guest of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wilfong Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Philip Westmeyer, of Farmington, spent the week-end here with friends.

Miss Anna Overall spent Saturday and Sunday in Farmington with home folks.

Ben Wright, of Flat River, was a business visitor here Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Ed Brewer, of Farmington, spent Monday here with her sister, Mrs. Luther Poston.

Irving Herrington, of near Farmington, spent Tuesday here with friends.

Mrs. Jack Moore is here for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Neubrand, and family.

Luther Rice has gone to St. Louis to seek employment.

Fred Miller is very ill at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Williams, of Leadwood, were visitors here Sunday with friends.

Bert Williams, who is employed in Flat River, spent Sunday here with home folks.

Wm. Moon, of Primrose, and Val Smith, of Silver Springs, were business visitors here Saturday.

Rev. J. S. Moser was a visitor in Leadwood Sunday.

Wm. Fowler, of French Village, spent Saturday here with friends.

Julius Apple, of Crystal City, was called here Saturday on account of the serious illness and death of his brother-in-law, Louis Heinman, who died at the Bonne Terre hospital Monday.

Shelton Horn spent Friday in French Village.

A party and shower was given at the Commercial Hotel for Miss Clara McCleod, who is to be a bride in the near future. Miss McCleod was the recipient of many beautiful and useful presents. The evening was spent in dancing. Refreshments were served.

Miss Matilda Cunningham spent Wednesday and Thursday with friends in Flat River.

Misses Maud and Leota Son spent Monday in Flat River visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hines and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Aubuchon attended the funeral of Mr. Aubuchon's sister-in-law in French Village Friday.

Mrs. Jack Hoskings, who some weeks ago underwent an operation, is slowly improving.

Elmer Rogers, of near Farmington, spent Tuesday evening here with friends.

Wilford Aubuchon spent Sunday in French Village with home folks.

A surprise party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Henson in honor of their daughter, Roris, on Saturday evening. Games of all sorts were played and dainty refreshments were served. Those present were: Misses Verna and Naomi Cloud, Mona Weller, Hazel Benham and Doris Henson; Carl and Roy Covington; Clifton Mayberry and Lawrence Wright.

Frances Hays, of Doe Run, spent Saturday and Sunday the guest of Mrs. Lillian Christopher.

Mrs. James MacSpadden, of St. Louis, came down to spend a week with Mr. and Mrs. Sam MacSpadden, of this city.

Mrs. Robt. Womack and children, of St. Francois, spent Saturday and Sunday here with home folks.

Miss Laura Thurman spent Saturday and Sunday in Silver Springs with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thurman.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Moore spent Saturday in Flat River on business.

Mrs. Fenton Miller and little daughter spent yesterday and Sunday here with Mrs. Clara LaBryere and family.

Little Leo Bouchard, who has been quite ill with typhoid fever, is much improved at this writing.

Mrs. Vester Voss has returned to her home, after having undergone an operation for the removal of her tonsils.

Miss Mary Cain spent the week-end in Desloge.

Raymond and Gordon Aubuchon spent Sunday here with friends.

Misses Louise and Mamie Cunningham spent Sunday here with relatives.

Miss Ethel Pratte, of Hazel Run, spent Sunday here with her brother, P. B. Pratte, and family.

Thos. Allen, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Joster, Miss Florence Mouser and Mrs. Thomas Allen spent Sunday in Farmington.

Roy Cronbaugh spent Wednesday and Thursday in Flat River with home folks.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Robinson, Monday, Dec. 5th, a son.

Miss Matilda Cunningham, of Melzo, spent from Wednesday until Sunday here with Mrs. Genevieve with relatives.

Mrs. Zimmerman, of Flat River, spent Monday here with her mother, Mrs. Straughn.

Mrs. Robinson, of Leadwood, spent Monday and Tuesday here with Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Robinson and family.

Miss Catherine Cooney is spending several days at New Haven, Mo., visiting her mother and brothers.

Mrs. Zelia Jaunce Woolridge died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry White, in St. Louis, Wednesday morning. She had attained the ripe old age of 87 years. She was born about a mile from this city and spent the greater portion of her life here. William Woolridge, her husband, preceded her in death about 35 years ago. She lived here until a few years ago. She leaves 5 sons and daughters to mourn their loss. Funeral services were held at the New Cathedral at St. Louis and the remains were laid to rest in the Valhalla cemetery.

Mrs. Jay Brown spent the week-end in Bismarck with home folks.

Miss Nellie Hoskings, of St. Louis, spent Saturday and Sunday here with her parents.

Frank Marchand spent Monday and Tuesday in Leadwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeno Woolridge were called to St. Louis on account of the death of the former's mother.

The many friends of Ed Cunningham and family will be glad to learn of their return to this place to reside.

Mrs. Monroe Peterson and daughter, Helen, spent Wednesday here.

Mrs. Wm. Whiteknigh, of near Hazel Run, spent Friday here on business.

Miss Elizabeth Powell, of Valle Mines, spent Saturday here.

Thos. Cook spent Tuesday in Desloge.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clark, of Desloge, were visitors here Saturday and Sunday.

WOMACK

The following were in Fredericktown Monday: Mr. and Mrs. John Beard, Charley Carlton and son, John, Mrs. W. E. Hawthorn and children and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Womack.

Mrs. Leon Womack went to Fredericktown last Monday to consult a physician.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hicks, of Cross Roads, visited here Sunday at the home of John Hines.

Rev. L. N. London, of Marquand, filled his regular appointment at Silver Point church last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hines were in Fredericktown Friday.

Harvey and Effie Meredita, of Cross Roads, visited friends in this community last Sunday.

Jim Ferguson, of Cross Roads, was in this community on last Wednesday sawing wood for William and A. J. Hines.

Fred Caruthers accompanied his mother, Mrs. Joe Caruthers, to her home near Barks on last Saturday.

L. L. Womack, of Fredericktown, spent a few hours here last Saturday with N. C. Moore.

N. C. Hill went to Fredericktown on last Thursday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Womack, returning Monday.

Mrs. Joe Caruthers, of Barks, spent Friday night with her son, C. L. Caruthers, and wife. The former spent the past six weeks at DeLasus taking medical treatment, and we are glad to report that her condition is better.

Ed McDaniel, of near Libertyville, was in this community on last Thursday.

Ruth and Robert Beard, of Fredericktown, were guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Beard, on Saturday, that being Mr. Beard's 83rd birthday anniversary.

Geo. Griffith and nephew, Stephen Griffith, of Coffman, were guests of the former's mother, Mrs. L. A. Danleley, Sunday night.

Ollie King returned to his home here last Wednesday from a visit with his brother, Wm. King, and wife, of St. Francois.

Guy and Perry Hancey, of Avon, attended church here last Sunday.

Minnie Merritt, of Flat River, was guest of her aunt, Mrs. J. P. Kearns, Sunday.

Lila Thompson, of Yount, was the guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hill, the past week.

Ollie King was a business visitor near Yount Thursday night.

G. C. Allee, of Fredericktown, was a business visitor here on last Saturday.

Heber Tessreau, of Flat River, was guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tessreau, Sunday.

H. G. Hawthorn was a business visitor in Fredericktown on last Monday.

Henry Tessreau, of Bellevue, visited his parents here Saturday.

Mrs. W. E. Hawthorn and little daughter, Florence, Mrs. Lucas Lenz and daughter, Melva, Glenda, visited the former's daughter, Mrs. Emery Tucker, and family over Saturday night.

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BISMARCK

Mr. and Mrs. Houck Horton, of Flat River, were guests here Monday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Grier.

Messrs. Mills and Robertson, of Cherryville, visited friends here Saturday night.

Wm. Hughes, of Irondale, was a visitor here Saturday afternoon.

Henry Mester, of Sparta, Ill., came home Thursday night for a few days visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mester.

J. G. Schneider, of Valmeyer, Ill., came here Sunday for a visit of a few days at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. F. Schroeder, and family.

John Trapp was a Flat River visitor Saturday afternoon.

Henry Rickman went to Doniphan Sunday to accept employment.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Belknap spent Sunday afternoon with friends at Farmington.

Miss Hazel Belknap, of Bonne Terre, spent Sunday at the home of her mother, Mrs. E. W. Hughes, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Keay spent from Saturday morning to Sunday afternoon with relatives and friends at Iron Mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Baker and family spent Sunday afternoon at the home of his sister, Mrs. Robt. McClary, and family, of Bellevue.

Mr. and Mrs. Hy Boyer, of this city, spent Sunday afternoon at their farm near Farmington.

Oscar Wallen suffered a fracture of the right arm, while attempting to crank his father's car.

Miss Gladys Bell, of Irondale, was a visitor here on Tuesday.

Virgil Sloan received a severe sprain of the right arm while cranking a car belonging to O. E. Hansbrough Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Denton and Mr. and Mrs. Clay Wallen took Miss Rosa Wallen to the Bonne Terre hospital Tuesday, where she will receive medical treatment for an injury to her side, which she received last summer when a hay fork rope broke and struck her, rendering her unconscious for a few hours. We trust her recovery will be speedy.

Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Beard were Elvins visitors Wednesday afternoon.

Chas. Heath has returned to his home after a visit of a few days at the home of his brother, F. E. Heath, of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Whitworth spent Tuesday afternoon with relatives in Flat River.

Wm. Devine was in Elvins Thursday, where he purchased the necessary supplies, for opening up a barbershop.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Heath were Farmington business visitors Wednesday.

Paul Burnett, of Farmington, spent Wednesday here with his sister, Mrs. Chas. Kettinger.

H. C. Oehler has sold his confectionery to Mrs. C. E. Davis. Mr. Oehler was just recently appointed postmaster of the local office.

The past week in the school has been devoted to "safety first" and the sale of Red Cross Christmas Seals. Supt. Baker tells us that there have already been more than three times as many seals sold this year as last. He organized the lower rooms into teams and quite a spirited contest has arisen as to who makes the largest sales. Chas. Kettinger gave an interesting talk on the subject of "Safety First" which was enjoyed by all.

The high school and eighth grade are going to give a Christmas program just before the holidays.

The members of the eighth grade have entered the contest for the best essay on "How to Make the Highways More Safe."

Miss Virginia Castleman went to St. Louis Friday evening for a short visit.

A baby girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Warren on Friday.

Miss Marion Whittet, of St. Louis, spent Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. M. Sherill.

Eugene Morris, of Farmington, was a Sunday afternoon guest of M. B. Bingham.

A number of young lads from DeSoto motored here Sunday afternoon, and while trying to break the speed limit ran into a ditch, slightly damaging their car. Luckily none of the occupants were hurt.

Mr. and Mrs. James Beard, of St. Louis, were Sunday afternoon guests at the L. N. Beard home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert White returned to their home at Collinsville, Ill., Monday, after a visit of a few days here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Beard.

Tolman Simms, of Bonne Terre, spent Sunday here the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Simms, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Rea and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Van Lear, of Leadwood, visited Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Ham Sunday.

Mrs. D. H. Cameron, of Flat River, Mrs. Sam Doss, of Desloge, and Mrs. Langley, of Elvins, visited friends here Sunday.

Dr. C. C. Kerlagon reports the arrival of a baby at the home of Harry Fitzpatrick Sunday, Dec. 12th.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McCleod, of Graniteville, visited Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hunter.

Lloyd Black, of Crystal City, spent the week-end with his family here.

The people of our city were disturbed from their slumbers about 3 o'clock Sunday morning by the fire alarm, which was calling the citizens forth to fight a fire in the garage of H. Reihl. The shed was a mass of flames when the first was discovered, and nothing could be done except to watch it burn. A truck, Ford touring car and a cow and calf that were in a nearby shed were destroyed. The fire also destroyed a shed belonging to Geo. Strother. It is believed the fire was of incendiary origin. The loss is estimated at \$1800, while insurance was carried to the amount of \$1000.

M. J. Yount was an Irondale business visitor Wednesday.

The badly mangled body of Henry Rouse, a negro was discovered early Wednesday morning on the Missouri-Pacific railroad track about one and a half miles from Bismarck, by N. W. Tally as he was going to town. Coroner Hill held an inquest over the body, the verdict being: death due to railroad accident. Letters on his person addressed to Gallon, Ohio, where he had been working, showed his home to be at Little Rock, Ark. His father was notified of the accident and came here Thursday morning and got the body. The deceased was only thirteen years of age, and was on his way home from Gallon, O., when he fell from the train and met his death.

After suffering for several years with heart trouble, Mary Gann (nee Strickland) passed into the Great Beyond Thursday morning at 8 o'clock at her home in this city. She was born at Irondale, Mo. She